



Framingham Library Youth Newsletter

January 2026

Main Library Children's Programs

LEGO Build

January 15, 4PM | Spark Lab | Ages 5+

Make a LEGO creation to display at the library.

Fur & Feathers in Cold Weather

January 17, 10AM | Spark Lab | Ages 3+

Discover how polar bears and penguins stay dry and warm in below-freezing temperatures!

Local Author Storytime:

Tree Spirits by Louise Wannier

January 22, 3:30PM | Spark Lab | Ages 2+

Join us for this interactive storytime and craft activity with a local author.

Watercolor Painting

January 24, 10AM | Spark Lab | All Ages

Drop in for some watercolor painting. Imagination has no limit with art!

Polar Bear Twirlers

January 26, 10AM | Spark Lab | Ages 2+

Make a fun polar bear paper twirler craft.

Rock Mandalas

January 27, 6PM | Spark Lab | Ages 8+

Keep calm and increase focus while painting a colorful geometric pattern.

Go for Gold! Winter Olympic Reading Challenge

January 2–February 28 | Main Library & McAuliffe Branch

Ready. Set. Go! Visit the children's room and ask for the Winter Olympic Reading Challenge!

By reading certain books related to the Olympics, you can qualify for bronze, silver, or gold paper medals to display on the wall of the children's rooms.



Main Library

49 Lexington Street
508.532.5570
Monday–Thursday 9–9
Friday & Saturday 9–5
*Sunday 1–5

McAuliffe Branch Library

746 Water Street
508.532.5636
Monday–Thursday 9:30–9
Friday & Saturday 9:30–5
*Sunday 12–4

* Both libraries are closed on Sundays in July and August.

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McAuliffe Children's Programs

Library Snowball Fight

January 3, 11–11:30AM | Community Room | Ages 1–5

January 3, 11:30–12PM | Community Room | Ages 6–12

Too cold to play outside? Not enough snow on the ground?

Come to the library for a fun fake snowball fight! Toss soft, plush snow-like balls, create forts, and have a great time!

Open Color

January 7, 3:30PM | Craft Room | Ages 5+

Drop in to color printed out pictures and do fun mazes and word activity sheets!



Little Chefs: Edible Science Experiments

January 12, 4–6PM | Community Room | Ages 5+

Join Chef Hailey in some out-of-this-world edible science experiments! This program mixes cooking and science in a fun, hands-on way. Explore how ingredients react with each other while creating tasty, edible experiments. [Registration required.](#)

DIY Constellation Jar Lamp

January 16, 3:30PM | Craft Room | Ages 5+

Make your own starry lamp by drawing out constellations and poking holes through so the stars can glow!

LEGO Build

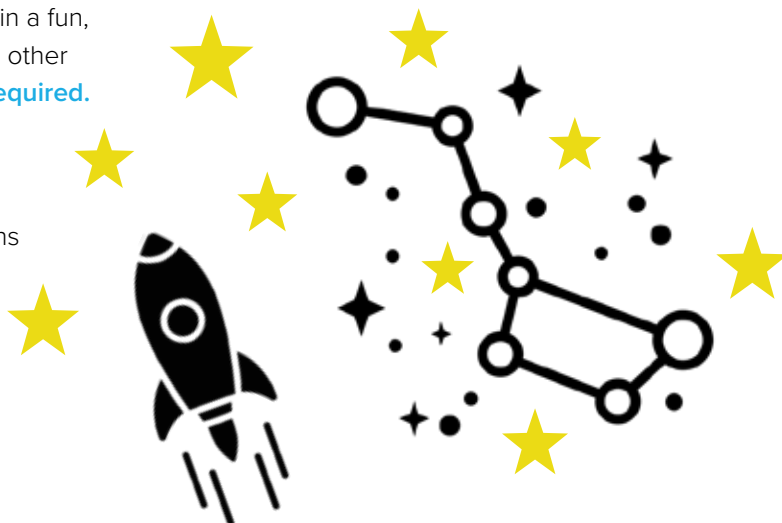
January 22, 3:30PM | Craft Room | Ages 5+

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Name Rocket Ships

January 28, 11AM | Craft Room | Ages 2+

Use the letters of your name to build an out-of-this-world rocket!



Ongoing Programs

Weekly Storytimes (Ages 3–5)

Mondays, 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Thursdays, 10AM | Main Library, Costin Room

Drop in every week for themed stories and a craft.

Baby Storytime (Ages 0–2)

Tuesdays, 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Fridays, 10:30AM | Main Library, Costin Room

Sing and play with words, rhyme, and puppets!

Mandarin Storytime and Craft (Ages 3–5)

January 10, 3PM | Main Library, Children's Program Room

January 24, 3PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community & Craft Rooms

Join BrightUpKids for a storytime and craft spoken in Mandarin!

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Winter Word Search

Find the following words in the puzzle. Words are hidden → and ↓.

- Cocoa
- Cold
- Hibernate
- Ice
- Mittens
- Scarf
- Sled
- Snowflake
- Snowman
- Sweater
- Winter

Baby Sensory Series

Fun, safe, and simple sensory activities to help your baby explore. All programs for ages 0–4 unless otherwise noted.

Finger Painting

January 16, 11AM–12PM | Main Library, Spark Lab

Soft Block Play



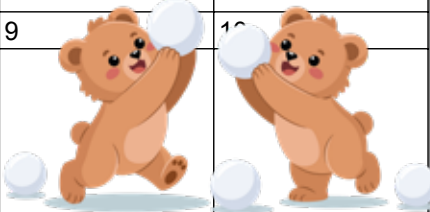



January 29, 10:30AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Book Buddies: Reading to Dogs

January 5, 3:30PM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room (Marvel)

January 21, 3:45PM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room (Duncan)

Improve your reading skills by reading aloud to your new Book Buddy. Call or drop by to sign up for a time slot.

January 2026						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Weekly Storytime (Ages 3-5) McAuliffe: Mondays, 10-10:30am Main: Thursdays, 10-10:30am		Weekly Baby Storytime (Ages 0-2) McAuliffe: Tuesdays, 10-10:30am Main: Fridays, 10:30-11am		1	2	3
						Library Snowball Fight 11am @ McAuliffe
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		Chess Club 5pm @ Main 	Open Color 3:30pm @ McAuliffe			
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25	26	27	28	29	30	
	Polar Bear Twirlers 10am @ Main	Rock Mandalas 6pm @ Main	Name Rocket Ships 11am @ McAuliffe	Soft Block Play 10:30am @ McAuliffe Fuse Bead Social 2pm @ Main		
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Tween Programs

Kids' Chess Club

January 6, 5PM | Main Library, Technology Learning Center

January 20, 5PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

This Chess Club is an informal group welcoming everyone from new players to junior chess masters! Chess boards are provided, but you can bring your own. Staff are available to help with questions, but do not teach chess.

Fuse Bead Social (Grades 4–8)

January 29, 2–4PM | Main Library, Spark Lab

Hang out and make fuse bead designs.

Teen Programs (*Grades 6–12)

Weekly Minecraft Collaborative Build

Wednesdays, 3–4:30PM | FPL Minecraft Server | Grades 4–12

Every Wednesday, work on a group build in Creative Mode. Must be accepted on Minecraft Server to participate. For more information, visit framinghamlibrary.org/minecraft.

Maker Mondays: Open Spark Lab

January 5, 12, & 26, 3–4:30PM | Main Library, Spark Lab

Use anything in the Spark Lab to work on your projects! Design something to be 3D printed! Needle felt something! Make some stickers! You get to decide.

Alphabet Soup—Queer Teen Hangout

January 8, 6–7 PM | Main Library, Teen Room

January 15, 6–7 PM | McAuliffe Branch, Teen Room

A twice monthly meeting for LGBTQIA+ and allied teens to hang out and do arts and crafts. On the first Thursday, meet at the Main Library, and on the fourth Thursday, meet at the McAuliffe Branch.

Video Game Hangout

January 9, 3–5 PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Play video games and eat snacks.

Anime Club

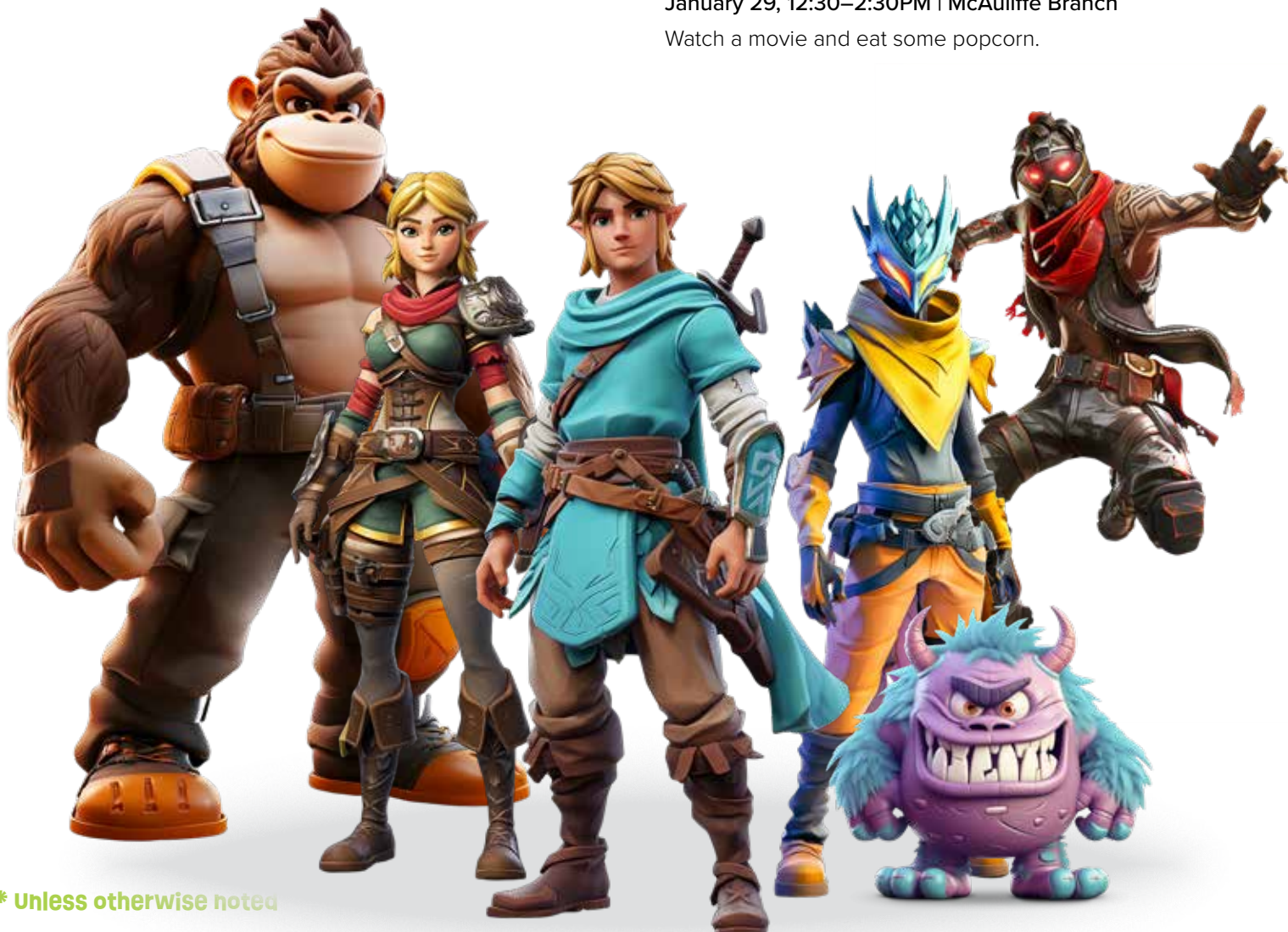
January 24, 1–3PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Anime Club returns!

Early Release Day Movie

January 29, 12:30–2:30PM | McAuliffe Branch

Watch a movie and eat some popcorn.



* Unless otherwise noted